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PIRATE OWNER BELIEVES 21 MEN ARE ENOUGH

Refers to Days When Team Won Pennants With Less Number Than Now Allowed by Nationals.

STALLINGS AS AN EXAMPLE

Braves' Leader Depended On Three Twirlers, and Could Have Gone Through Season With Small Squad. Babe Adams Near Perfect Fielder.

Better baseball will be the result of the National League cutting down the number of players a club may carry during the playing season to twenty-one men, declares President Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh Nationals, who is in favor of this retrenchment, not only for the sake of economy, which in these days of the high cost of living and warfare, is something to be considered, but who believes that pennumneries are a handicap to a ball club, rather than a help.

"The Pittsburgh Pirates won three successive pennants when their numbers were far less than the new limit of the National League has set, and they played better ball than either they or any other club has played since," declared the Corsair chieftain in defense of his theory.

"In 1901, '02 and '03, when Clarke's men captured their three straight flags our club never numbered more than sixteen men during the playing season. Then the Pirates were at their best, with men working often enough to keep in condition. Of late years it has become the fad to carry so many men that less than half of them have a chance to work regularly, consequently a majority of them are not in good condition to play when called upon.

"To ball player who gets regular work and plenty of it, whether he be infielder, outfielder, pitcher or backstop, is the man who delivers the goods. Of course, a club must be fortified with utility men, to use in case of injuries or disabilities, but regulars should not be taken out of the game unless really crippled. Mere scratches should not be kept in a ball player otherwise in good condition from performing his regular duties.

"Four pitchers, possibly five, are almost enough for any club. With four twirlers working regularly, a club stands its best chance of getting out in front. The Braves did it with three last season. Four pitchers working in rotation with a relief twirler or two are ample, for if there are any more they do not have enough opportunity of working to keep them in good condition. They cannot be at their best.

"Three catchers are plenty for any club, and two or three utility men for infield and outfield duties should be sufficient.

"It has become the fad to carry two sets of infielders and outfielders for alternate days or according to whether they are right or left handed side of the plate. Left-hand batters are sent in to face right-hand twirlers and right-handers go against southpaws. This is unnecessary, as both supposition about left-handers or being able to hit a southpaw's deliveries is mostly a myth.

"Know that Stallings carried two outfielders last year and changed them often, but he didn't win his pennant by it. He captured his pennant by making his men believe that they could.

"I remember how Clarke 'crossed' Stallings once last summer in Boston, just for the sake of making his right-hand batting outfield but against a right-hand pitcher," continued the Pirate magnate. "Adams warned up in the ball park, and Cooper warned up in the street. Stallings put his left-hand outfielder into the game.

"Adams pitched to the first batter, then left the mound and Cooper took his place. Cooper pitched to the rest of the inning, and the Boston right-hand outfield at once replaced the port-side hitters.

"Clark shifted again. McQuillen, who had started to warm up when the game started, went to the mound and there were Stallings' right-handers facing him, with no chance for him to make a shift; he had used up all his men.

"Stallings 'bawled out' Clarke for it in rather strong language, but Fred laughed at him and told him that he had done it just to spoil Stallings' net theory. And he did, too, for the right-hand hitters did several things to McQuillen."

Just what a difference it would have made in the standing of the Detroit team last season had To-Cobb been in the game during the Chicago campaign is interesting to consider. The chances are that Tyus, who has been promised to be on his good behavior in the future, will, barring accident, play in many more games in 1915 than he did last season, and that the Tigers' chances will be decidedly strengthened.

There is no getting away from Cobb's value to a team. He stands out when it comes to accomplishing individual

Following is the result of the Tousey system of scoring. The game was played between Newport News High School and John Marshall High School New Year's night. Two men kept the score, one man for each team. It was a simple matter to follow the players and score the results as given below:

JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL.

Woodward, right forward, guarded by Braveman, 24 field tries, with 8 goals made, 1 foul try and 1 goal made; total, 29 field tries and 9 goals, or 38. Pendleton, left forward, guarded by Dean, 21 field tries with 5 goals made, or 23.

Bethel, centre, opposed by Krich, 12 field tries with 2 goals made, 5 foul tries with 1 goal made; total, 17 field tries and 3 goals, or 15.

Hargrove, left, guarding Martin, No tries for goal.

Ehmig, right, guarding Stewart, 1 try for field goal; not made.

John Marshall High School.

AVERAGES OF PLAYERS.

Player. Foul tries. Field goals. Field tries. Total. Total. P.C.

Woodward 5 1 24 29 9 38.1

Pendleton 6 0 21 27 5 23.8

Bethel 5 0 12 17 3 16.5

Hargrove 0 0 0 0 0 .000

Ehmig 0 0 1 1 0 .000

Total: foul tries, 10; goals, 2; field tries, 58; goals, 15; team per cent, 250.

NEWPORT NEWS HIGH SCHOOL.

Stewart, right forward, guarded by Ehmig, 9 tries for field goals and 2 goals made; 7 tries for foul goals with 3 goals made; total, 16 tries and 5 goals, or 31.

Martin, left forward, guarded by Hargrove; total, 6 field tries, 1 goal, or 16.

Krich, centre, opposed by Bethel; total, 7 field tries and 1 goal, or 143.

Braveman, right, guarding Woodward, 5 field tries, no goals, 3 foul tries, no goals.

Dean, left, guarding Pendleton, 2 field tries, no goals, 1 foul try, no goals.

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Total: foul tries, 11; goals, 3; field tries, 29; goals, 4; team per cent, 175.

The score was: John Marshall High School, 32, and Newport News High School, 11. Time of halves, 29 minutes.

The fact that the John Marshall High School guards held their opponents to a total of 29 tries for goal, while the Newport News lads allowed 53 tries, tells the story of the game and gives the guards credit for very little glory, while under this system each player receives due credit for his work.

While the guards do not loom up in the per cent column, the summary shows the class of their playing, which is, after all, the main feature, be handicapped.

HAD UNUSUALLY SUCCESSFUL SEASON



Blackstone Academy Football Squad. Top row, reading from left to right: Eggleston, manager; Ferrell, B. Bell, Jordan, Crisp, Moore, coach. Middle row: Lund, Ballard, Haymaker, Hodges, Williams, John Bell, Robertson. Bottom row: Goode, Ka negay, Pennington, captain; "Jr." Ligon, mascot; Maynard and Jennings.

feats which are usually productive. The Detroit team with Cobb out of the line-up always is weakened about 30 per cent.

A study of the National League fielding records would show that Babe Adams was the next thing to a perfect fielding pitcher. In the last four seasons the star gunner of the Pirates has committed but two fielding offenses. He made one error in forty-six chances in 1911, while in 1912 he handled thirty-eight without a blunder. In 1913 he slipped up only once in eighty-five chances, his error being an over-throw to catch a runner napping. In 1914 he handled seventy-five chances without an error. Two errors in 244 chances is fielding a few.

Donnie Bush, of the Detroit Tigers, is evidently a methodical and consistent person. He doesn't believe in doing a thing one way this time and another way the next time. To prove the marvelous consistency of Mr. Bush, kindly note his records of 1912 and 1914:

In 1913 Bush went to bat 523 times, made 98 runs, made 149 hits, and delivered 19 two-baggers. His average was .261.

In 1914 Bush went to bat 556 times, scored 97 runs, rapped 150 hits, smote 18 two-baggers. His average was .252.

Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, says he is through selling and releasing ball players. "I am now satisfied to stand pat on my club for 1915, and I feel pretty sure we can still give a very splendid account of ourselves. Any one who thinks we are out of next season's race had better wake up."

According to reliable information reaching here, Lodz, Lowicz, Skiernewice and Piotrkow are now as strongly fortified as Kalisz and Czenstochowa. The Germans have attempted to make this territory as difficult to invade as German soil.

Residents of West Poland reaching Petrograd state hundreds of factories have been blown up by the Germans, and that all valuable building material, especially bricks and metals, has been used in the construction of the new fortifications. Recent German attacks between Skiernewice and Warlock have been based at Lowicz and Piotrkow, which are said to be equipped with railroads, telegraphs and all necessary war accessories.

FORTIFY NEW TERRITORY

PETROGRAD, January 2 (via London).—German inactivity about Warsaw for some time past is explained, according to reports reaching here, by the claim that they have employed their time in fortifying territory already taken up to the Bzura River and middle Vistula River.

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PLAN TO KEEP RECORDS OF BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Frank Tousey Has Worked Out System of Scoring That Will Show What Every Man Accomplishes.

TO ATTEND IMPORTANT GAMES
Local Athletic Adviser Would Have Percentage of Accepted Chances Figure in Result—Managers and Coaches Asked to Assist.

At a recent basketball game, Frank S. Tousey kept a record of the tries made for goals. One team had sixty-nine good tries and caged the ball thirteen times, an average of one in five. The other team took forty-seven chances at the basket and rung up five goals, an average of one in nine.

The results were submitted to the captains of both teams. They expressed surprise at the small number of goals made in comparison to the number of chances at the basket. Both captains stated that if a goal could be kept of each

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player, it would no doubt result in better team work, and fewer attempts at goal, unless within striking distance, and reasonably uncured.

Tousey is planning to cover all the important games in Richmond for the remainder of the season, with the idea of keeping a record of each player, and to be able to work out an average, similar to the batting average of the baseball players. Following is his plan:

Note.—A try for goal means a thrown ball which hits the back board or goes over or past the board even with the goal, or which hits the rim of the basket and bounces out or off.

The average of the guards as guards would be worked out as follows: Should the left guard on team (A) hold his forward to twelve tries for goal, and the left guard on team (B) allow his forward to make twenty-two tries for the basket, the left guard on team (A) outplayed his opponent, left guard on team (B). If 6 to 9 should be called upon to shoot, his average would be worked out on the same general plan as the other centres.

How Record Is to Be Kept.
Tousey purposes to keep his records as follows:

Opposite each player's name the following marks will be made: Tries for field goals marked with a dot. Field goals made marked with an X. Tries for foul goals marked with a —, and foul goals made marked with an O.

For example, Johnson, forward, first half: Johnson (F) ... X ... X ... O ...

X: Which would read, four tries for field goals and three caged, two tries for foul goals and one made. In the first half Johnson made sixteen shots at the basket and caged the ball four times in all, or an average of .250. The reason Tousey is trying to obtain the results as outlined above, is to try

and find out as near as possible how many attempts at goal should be made of two periods of 20 minutes each, and the average number of goals a player should be expected to make.

Managers and coaches are asked to keep tabs on their men for the balance of this season, and to send their reports to The Times-Dispatch for publication, so that others may be assisted. This kind of dope ought to result in better passing, more signals and more strategy.

\$18,852 TURNED OVER TO ARMY AND NAVY FUND

PHILADELPHIA, January 2.—The University of Pennsylvania committee having in charge the Army-Navy football games in this city, has turned over to the Army and Navy Charities \$18,852, the receipts from the sale of Pennsylvania's share of the tickets for the game played last November.

This makes a total of \$155,655, which these charities have received from Pennsylvania for the sale of tickets since the games have been played on Franklin Field.

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